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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF HAWAII

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Case No:

CLASS ACTION
COMPLAINT

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Peter Strojnik,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Wailea Hotel & Beach Resort LLC dba
Andaz Maui at Wailea Resort

Defendant.

1. Americans with Disabilities Act
2. Discrimination in Public Accommodations (State Law)
3. Nondisclosure
4. Consumer Fraud
5. Negligence per se

JURY TRIAL REQUESTED

Plaintiff brings this class action pursuant to the (1) Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 *et seq.* and corresponding regulations, 28 CFR Part 36 and ADAAG ("ADA"), (2) Chapter 489 of the Hawai'i revised statutes, Chapter 489, Discrimination in Public Accommodations §§489-1 *et seq.* ("HRS"), (3) Nondisclosure *Santiago v. Tanaka*, 366 P.3d 612, 624 (Hi. 2015), (4) Misrepresentation, *id.* (5) Consumer Fraud HRS Chapter 480 and (6) common law of negligence per se.

PARTIES

1. Plaintiff is an ADA Tester.
2. Plaintiff is a veteran of the US Army¹ and a disabled person as defined by the ADA and HRS Chapter 489. Plaintiff is a single man currently residing in Maricopa County, Arizona. Plaintiff is and, at all times relevant hereto has been, legally disabled by

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1 virtue of a severe right-sided neural foraminal stenosis and femoral neuropathy,
2 prostate cancer and renal cancer, degenerative right knee and is therefore a member
3 of a protected class under the ADA and HRS Chapter 489.

4 3. Plaintiff suffers from physical impairments described above which impairments
5 substantially limit his major life activities. Plaintiff walks with difficulty and pain
6 and requires compliant mobility accessible features at places of public
7 accommodation. Plaintiff's impairment is constant, but the degree of pain is episodic
8 ranging from dull and numbing pain to extreme and excruciating agony.

9 4. Defendant owns, operates, leases or leases to a lodging business ("Hotel") located at
10 3550 Wailea Alanui Dr., Wailea, HI 96753 which is a public accommodation pursuant
11 to 42 U.S.C. § 12181(7)(A).

12 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

13 5. District Court has jurisdiction over this case or controversy by virtue of 28 U.S.C. §§
14 28-1331 and 42 U.S.C. § 12188 and 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

15 6. Plaintiff brings this action as a private attorney general who has been personally
16 subjected to discrimination on the basis of his disability, *see* 42 U.S.C.12188 and 28
17 CFR §36.501.

18 7. This Court has continuing subject matter jurisdiction by virtue of, *inter alia*,
19 Plaintiff's claim for equitable nominal damages.

20 8. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391.

21 9. The ADAAG violations in this Complaint relate to barriers to Plaintiffs mobility. This
22 impairs Plaintiff's full and equal access to the Hotel which, in turn, constitutes
23 discrimination satisfying the "injury in fact" requirement of Article III of the United
24 States Constitution.

25 10. Plaintiff is deterred from visiting the Hotel based on Plaintiff's knowledge that the
26 Hotel is not ADA or State Law compliant as such compliance relates to Plaintiff's
27 disability.

28 11. Plaintiff intends to visit Defendant's Hotel at a specific time when the Defendant's
noncompliant Hotel becomes fully compliant with ADA; just as a disabled individual

1 who intends to return to a noncompliant facility suffers an imminent injury from the
 2 facility's existing or imminently threatened noncompliance with the ADA, a plaintiff
 3 who is deterred from patronizing a hotel suffers the ongoing actual injury of lack of
 4 access to the Hotel.

5 CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

6 12. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, Plaintiff seeks to represent a class of
 7 Plaintiffs defined as follows: All disabled persons who lodged, intended to lodge in the
 8 past, or intend to lodge at Defendant's Hotel in the future.

9 13. The Classes comprise of many consumers throughout the nation. The Class is so
 10 numerous that joinder of all members of the Class is impracticable. There are questions
 11 of law and fact common to the Class. The common questions include:

12 A. whether Defendant's alleged conduct violates public policy; and

13 B. Whether Defendant violated (1) Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C.
 14 §12101 *et seq.* and corresponding regulations, 28 CFR Part 36 and ADAAG
 15 ("ADA"), (2) Chapter 489 of the Hawai'i revised statutes, Chapter 489,
 16 Discrimination in Public Accommodations §§489-1 *et seq.* ("HRS"), (3)
 17 Nondisclosure *Santiago v. Tanaka*, 366 P.3d 612, 624 (Hi. 2015), (4)
 18 Misrepresentation, *id.* (5) Consumer Fraud HRS Chapter 480 and (6)
 common law of negligence per se.

19 C. Whether the alleged conduct constitutes violations of the laws asserted
 20 herein; and

21 D. Whether Plaintiff and Class Members have sustained monetary loss and the
 22 proper measure of that loss; and

23 E. Whether Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to an award of punitive
 24 damages; and

25 F. Whether Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to declaratory and
 26 injunctive relief; and

27 G. Whether Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to the relief sought here.

28 14. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the proposed Class, and plaintiff will
 fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the proposed Class. Plaintiff

1 does not have any interests antagonistic to those of the Class. Plaintiff has been a
 2 lawyer licensed by the State Bar of Arizona for a period of between 1980 and 2018
 3 when he resigned because his “continuing association with the State Bar is inconsistent
 4 with [his] core principles of morality and fair play”. Although Plaintiff is competent
 5 and experienced in the prosecution of this type of litigation, he intends to conduct this
 6 litigation until the issue relating to the certification of the class at which time Plaintiff
 7 intends to engage competent counsel to wrap it up. The questions of law and fact
 8 common to the Class Members, some of which are set out above, predominate over
 9 any questions affecting only individual Class Members.

10 15. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient
 11 adjudication of this controversy. The expense and burden of individual litigation would
 12 make it impracticable or impossible for proposed Class Members to prosecute their
 13 claims individually. The trial and the litigation of Plaintiff’s claims are manageable.

14 16. Unless a class is certified, Defendant will retain monies received as a result of its
 15 conduct that was taken from plaintiff and proposed Class Members. Unless a class-
 16 wide injunction is issued, Defendant will continue to commit the violations alleged,
 17 and the Members of the Class and the general public will continue to be misled.

18 17. Defendant has acted and refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the Class,
 19 making appropriate final injunctive relief with respect to the Class as a whole.

20 **COUNT I**
 21 **(Violation of Plaintiff’s Civil Rights under the ADA)**

22 18. Plaintiff realleges all allegations heretofore set forth.

23 19. By virtue of his disability, Plaintiff requires an ADA compliant lodging facility
 24 particularly applicable to his mobility, both ambulatory and wheelchair assisted.

25 20. Plaintiff intended to vacation in Hawai’i and therefore, reviewed vacation booking
 26 websites as documented in Addendum A.

27 21. Plaintiff became aware that third party booking websites disclosed general availability
 28 and description of Defendant’s Hotel. Third Party booking websites referenced here
 are more fully documented in Addendum A which is by this reference incorporated
 herein.

1 22. Third party booking websites failed to identify and describe mobility related
2 accessibility features and guest rooms offered through its reservations service in
3 enough detail to reasonably permit Plaintiff to assess independently whether
4 Defendant's Hotel meets his accessibility needs as more fully documented in
5 Addendum A.

6 23. Third party booking websites also failed to make reservations for accessible guest
7 rooms available in the same manner as individuals who do not need accessible rooms.
8 *See* Addendum A.

9 24. Thereafter, Plaintiff became aware that Defendant's 1st party booking website failed
10 to identify and describe mobility related accessibility features and guest rooms offered
11 through its reservations service in enough detail to reasonably permit Plaintiff to
12 assess independently whether Defendant's Hotel meets his accessibility needs as more
13 fully documented. *See* Addendum A.

14 25. Plaintiff also became aware that Defendant's 1st party booking website failed to make
15 reservations for accessible guest rooms available in the same manner as individuals
16 who do not need accessible rooms. *See* Addendum A.

17 26. Because third and first party booking agents failed to identify and describe mobility
18 related accessibility features and guest rooms offered through its reservations service
19 in enough detail to reasonably permit Plaintiff to assess independently whether
20 Defendant's Hotel meets his accessibility needs Plaintiff declined to book a room
21 there and because Plaintiff was unable to make reservations for accessible guest
22 rooms available in the same manner as individuals who do not need accessible rooms,
23 Plaintiff declined to book a room there.

24 27. The gist of the requirement of 28CFR§28.302(e) is the requirement that a place of
25 lodging, such as Defendant Hotel, disclose both the *accessible* elements but, more
26 importantly, *inaccessible* elements of the place of lodging; without a description of
27 *inaccessible* mobility elements, Defendant fails to comply with 28CFR§28.302(e) as a
28 matter of law.

29 28. Plaintiff personally experienced architectural barriers to accessibility as documented
30 in Addendum A.

1 29. Defendant has violated the ADA by denying Plaintiff equal access to its public
2 accommodation on the basis of his disability as outlined above and in Addendum A.

3 30. The ADA violations described in Addendum A relate to Plaintiff's disability and
4 interfere with Plaintiff's full and complete enjoyment of the Hotel.

5 31. As a result of the deficiencies described above, Plaintiff declined to book a room at
6 Defendant's Hotel.

7 32. The removal of accessibility barriers listed above is readily achievable.

8 33. As a direct and proximate result of ADA Violations, Defendant's failure to remove
9 accessibility barriers prevented Plaintiff from equal access to the Defendant's public
10 accommodation.

11 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays for all relief as follows:

12 A. For class action certification on this Count.

13 B. Relief described in 42 U.S.C. §2000a – 3; and

14 C. Relief described in 42 U.S.C. § 12188(a) and (b) and, particularly -

15 D. Injunctive relief order to alter Defendant's place of public accommodation to
16 make it readily accessible to and usable by ALL individuals with disabilities;
and

17 E. Requiring the provision of an auxiliary aid or service, modification of a
18 policy, or provision of alternative methods, to the extent required by
19 Subchapter III of the ADA; and

20 F. Equitable nominal damages; and

21 G. For costs, expenses and attorney's fees; and

22 H. All remedies provided for in 28 C.F.R. 36.501(a) and (b).

23 **COUNT II**

24 **(Violation of the Hawai'i's Chapter 489, Part I)**

25 34. Plaintiff realleges all allegations heretofore set forth.

26 35. Defendant has violated Hawai'i's Chapter 489 Part I by denying Plaintiff equal access
27 to its public accommodation on the basis of his disability as outlined above and in
28 Addendum A.

1 36. Plaintiff has been injured by the unlawful discriminatory practices alleged in this
2 Complaint.

3 37. Pursuant to HRS §489-7.5, Plaintiff is entitled to -

- 4 ▪ Sue for damages sustained, and, if the judgment is for the plaintiff, the plaintiff
5 shall be awarded a sum not less than \$1,000 or threefold damages by the plaintiff
6 sustained, whichever sum is the greater, and reasonable attorneys' fees together
7 with the costs of suit, and
8 ▪ Bring proceedings to enjoin the unlawful discriminatory practices, and if the
9 decree is for the plaintiff, the plaintiff shall be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees
10 together with the cost of suit.

11 38. Plaintiff is deterred from visiting the Hotel and is thereby suffering daily actual and
12 statutory damages.

13 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant as follows:

- 14 A. For class action certification on this Count.
15 B. A Declaratory Judgment that at the commencement of this action Defendant was
16 in violation of the specific requirements of the statute; and
17 C. A permanent injunction which directs Defendant to take all steps necessary to
18 bring its Hotel into full compliance with the requirements set forth in HRS, and its
19 implementing regulations, so that the facilities are fully accessible to, and
20 independently usable by, disabled individuals as required by law, and which
21 further directs that the Court shall retain jurisdiction for a period to be determined
22 after Defendant certifies that its facilities are fully in compliance with the relevant
23 requirements of the Statutes to ensure that Defendant has adopted and is following
24 an institutional policy that will in fact cause Defendant to remain fully in
25 compliance with the law; and
26 D. The payment of costs of suit including attorney's fees and expenses; and
27 E. Order closure of the Defendant's Hotel until Defendant has fully complied with
28 the ADA and HRS; and

1 F. For damages in an amount no less than \$1,000.00 per violation per encounter per
2 Class Member per day; and

3 G. For treble damages pursuant to HRS §489-7.5(c).

4 H. The provision of whatever other relief the Court deems just, equitable and
5 appropriate.

6 COUNT III

7 (Nondisclosure – Restatement (Second) of Torts §551)

8 39. Plaintiff realleges all allegations heretofore set forth.

9 40. In Hawai'i, claims for nondisclosure are governed by the Restatement (Second) of
10 Torts § 551 (Am. Law Inst. 1977)².

11 41. Defendant Hotel is subject to the requirements of 28 CFR §36.302³.

12 ² Restatement of Torts: 551. Liability For Nondisclosure

13 (1) One who fails to disclose to another a fact that he knows may justifiably induce the other to
14 act or refrain from acting in a business transaction is subject to the same liability to the other
15 as though he had represented the nonexistence of the matter that he has failed to disclose, if,
but only if, he is under a duty to the other to exercise reasonable care to disclose the matter in
question.

16 (2) One party to a business transaction is under a duty to exercise reasonable care to disclose to
the other before the transaction is consummated,

17 (a) matters known to him that the other is entitled to know because of a fiduciary or other
18 similar relation of trust and confidence between them; and

19 (b) matters known to him that he knows to be necessary to prevent his partial or ambiguous
statement of the facts from being misleading; and

20 (c) subsequently acquired information that he knows will make untrue or misleading a
previous representation that when made was true or believed to be so; and

21 (d) the falsity of a representation not made with the expectation that it would be acted upon,
if he subsequently learns that the other is about to act in reliance upon it in a transaction
with him; and

22 (e) facts basic to the transaction, if he knows that the other is about to enter into it under a
23 mistake as to them, and that the other, because of the relationship between them, the
24 customs of the trade or other objective circumstances, would reasonably expect a
disclosure of those facts.

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26 28CFR§36.302 Modifications in policies, practices, or procedures.

27 (a) *General.* A public accommodation shall make reasonable modifications in policies,
28 practices, or procedures, when the modifications are necessary to afford goods, services,
facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations to individuals with disabilities,
unless the public accommodation can demonstrate that making the modifications would

42. The gist of the requirement of 28CFR§28.302(e) is the requirement that a place of lodging, such as Defendant Hotel, disclose both the *accessible* elements but, more importantly, *inaccessible* elements of the place of lodging; without a description of *inaccessible* mobility elements, Defendant fails to comply with 28CFR§28.302(e) as a matter of law.

43. Defendant Hotel was under a duty to disclose both *accessible* and *inaccessible* elements on its first and third party websites in enough detail to reasonably permit individuals with disabilities, including the Plaintiff and Class Members, to assess independently whether a given hotel or guest room meets his or her accessibility needs all as more fully disclosed in Addendum A.

fundamentally alter the nature of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations.

(b) ...

(c) ...

(d) ...

(e) (1) *Reservations made by places of lodging.* A public accommodation that owns, leases (or leases to), or operates a place of lodging shall, with respect to reservations made by any means, including by telephone, in-person, or through a third party—

(i) Modify its policies, practices, or procedures to ensure that individuals with disabilities can make reservations for accessible guest rooms during the same hours and in the same manner as individuals who do not need accessible rooms;

(ii) Identify and describe accessible features in the hotels and guest rooms offered through its reservations service in enough detail to reasonably permit individuals with disabilities to assess independently whether a given hotel or guest room meets his or her accessibility needs;

(iii) Ensure that accessible guest rooms are held for use by individuals with disabilities until all other guest rooms of that type have been rented and the accessible room requested is the only remaining room of that type;

(iv) Reserve, upon request, accessible guest rooms or specific types of guest rooms and ensure that the guest rooms requested are blocked and removed from all reservations systems; and

(v) Guarantee that the specific accessible guest room reserved through its reservations service is held for the reserving customer, regardless of whether a specific room is held in response to reservations made by others.

(2) *Exception.* The requirements in paragraphs (iii), (iv), and (v) of this section do not apply to reservations for individual guest rooms or other units not owned or substantially controlled by the entity that owns, leases, or operates the overall facility.

(3) *Compliance date.* The requirements in this section will apply to reservations made on or after March 15, 2012.

1 44. Defendant's disclosure and identification of *accessibility* and *inaccessibility* elements
2 was insufficiently detailed to reasonably permit individuals with disabilities to assess
3 independently whether a given hotel or guest room meets his or her accessibility needs
4 all as more fully disclosed in Addendum A.

5 45. Defendant's third party and first party booking websites made partial disclosures of
6 accessibility which were known to Defendant to cause them to be misleading.

7 46. The disclosure of *accessibility* and *inaccessibility* elements were facts basic to the
8 transaction of booking a room at the Defendant's Hotel.

9 47. The partial disclosure of accessibility on Defendant's third and first party websites
10 created the impression of two interpretations: One that the hotel was fully ADA
11 compliant and the other that it was not.

12 48. Plaintiff and Class Members have been damaged by the nondisclosure.

13 49. Defendant's conduct raises the presumption of conscious indifference to consequences
14 of its actions which, in turn, demonstrates wanton or oppressive acts or malice as
15 implies a spirit of mischief or indifference to civil obligations, or willful misconduct,
16 entitling Plaintiff and Class Members to an award of punitive damages in an amount
17 sufficient to deter Defendant and others similarly situated from similar misconduct.

18 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief as follows:

19 A. For class action certification on this Count.

20 B. For a finding of liability of Defendant on this Count; and

21 C. For damages assessed in favor of Plaintiff and each Class Member in an amount
22 to be determined at trial; and

23 D. For punitive damages in an amount sufficient to deter this Defendant and others
24 similarly situated from similar misconduct; and

25 E. For costs, fees, expenses and attorney's fees in an amount to be proven; and

26 F. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

27 **COUNT IV**
28 **(Consumer Fraud – HRS Chapter 480)**

50. Plaintiff realleges all allegations heretofore set forth.

1 51. HRS §480-2 declares unlawful all unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct
2 of any trade or commerce.

3 52. Defendant Hotel committed unfair and deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of its
4 lodging business s more fully detailed in Counts I – IV above all of which are by this
5 reference incorporated herein.

6 53. Plaintiff and Class Members are “consumers” as this term is defined in HRS §480-1.

7 54. HRS Chapter 480 is intended not only to protect the persons who actually purchased
8 goods or services as a result of unfair and deceptive acts and practices, but also those
9 who attempted or were solicited to do so. *Zanakis-Pico v. Cutter Dodge, Inc.*, 47 P.3d
10 1222 (Haw. 2002)

11 55. Any consumer who is injured by any unfair or deceptive act or practice forbidden or
12 declared unlawful by section 480-2:

13 (1) May sue for damages sustained by the consumer, and, if the judgment is for the
14 plaintiff, the plaintiff shall be awarded a sum not less than \$1,000 or threefold
15 damages by the plaintiff sustained, whichever sum is the greater, and reasonable
16 attorney's fees together with the costs of suit; provided that where the plaintiff
17 is an elder, the plaintiff, in the alternative, may be awarded a sum not less than
18 \$5,000 or threefold any damages sustained by the plaintiff, whichever sum is
19 the greater, and reasonable attorney's fees together with the costs of suit. In
20 determining whether to adopt the \$5,000 alternative amount in an award to an
21 elder, the court shall consider the factors set forth in section 480-13.5; and

22 (2) May bring proceedings to enjoin the unlawful practices, and if the decree is for
23 the plaintiff, the plaintiff shall be awarded reasonable attorney's fees together
24 with the costs of suit.

25 56. However, the remedies provided in the preceding paragraphs shall be applied in class
26 action and de facto class action lawsuits or proceedings, including actions brought on
27 behalf of direct or indirect purchasers with the following conditions and limitations:

28 (1) The minimum \$1,000 recovery provided in subsections (a) and (b) shall not
apply in a class action or a de facto class action lawsuit;

(2) In class actions or de facto class actions where both direct and indirect
purchasers are involved, or where more than one class of indirect purchasers
are involved, a defendant shall be entitled to prove as a partial or complete
defense to a claim for compensatory damages that the illegal overcharge has

1 been passed on or passed back to others who are themselves entitled to recover
2 so as to avoid the duplication of recovery of compensatory damages;

3 (3) That portion of threefold damages in excess of compensatory damages shall be
4 apportioned and allocated by the court in its exercise of discretion so as to
5 promote effective enforcement of this chapter and deterrence from violation of
6 its provisions;

7 (4) In no event shall an indirect purchaser be awarded less than the full measure of
8 compensatory damages attributable to the indirect purchaser;

9 (5) In any lawsuit or lawsuits in which claims are asserted by both direct purchasers
10 and indirect purchasers, the court is authorized to exercise its discretion in the
11 apportionment of damages, and in the transfer and consolidation of cases to
12 avoid the duplication of the recovery of damages and the multiplicity of suits,
13 and in other respects to obtain substantial fairness;

14 (6) In any case in which claims are being asserted by a part of the claimants in a
15 court of this State and another part of the claimants in a court other than of this
16 State, where the claims arise out of same or overlapping transactions, the court
17 is authorized to take all steps reasonable and necessary to avoid duplication of
18 recovery of damages and multiplicity of suits, and in other respects, to obtain
19 substantial fairness;

20 (7) In instances where indirect purchasers file an action and obtain a judgment or
21 settlement prior to the completion of a direct purchaser's action in courts other
22 than this State, the court shall delay disbursement of the damages until such
23 time as the direct purchaser's suits are resolved to either final judgment, consent
24 decree or settlement, or in the absence of a direct purchaser's lawsuit in the
25 courts other than this State by direct purchasers, the expiration of the statute of
26 limitations, or in such manner that will minimize duplication of damages to the
27 extent reasonable and practicable, avoid multiplicity of suit, and obtain
28 substantial fairness; and

 (8) In the event damages in a class action or de facto class action remain unclaimed
 by the direct or indirect purchasers, the class representative or the attorney
 general shall apply to the court and such funds shall escheat to the State upon
 showing that reasonable efforts made by the State to distribute the funds have
 been unsuccessful.

57. Plaintiff and Class Members have been damaged by Defendant's unfair and deceptive
acts or practices in the conduct of its lodging business s more fully detailed in Counts
I – IV above all of which are by this reference incorporated herein.

1 58. Defendant's conduct raises the presumption of conscious indifference to consequences
2 of its actions which, in turn, demonstrates wanton or oppressive acts or malice as
3 implies a spirit of mischief or indifference to civil obligations, or willful misconduct,
4 entitling Plaintiff and Class Members to an award of punitive damages in an amount
5 sufficient to deter Defendant and others similarly situated from similar misconduct.

6 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief as follows:

- 7 A. For class action certification on this Count.
8 B. For a finding of liability of Defendant on this Count; and
9 C. For damages assessed in favor of Plaintiff and each Class Member in an amount
10 to be determined at trial; and
11 D. For punitive damages in an amount sufficient to deter this Defendant and others
12 similarly situated from similar misconduct; and
13 E. For costs, fees, expenses and attorney's fees in an amount to be proven; and
14 F. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

15 **COUNT V**
16 **(Negligence per se)**

17 59. Plaintiff realleges all allegations heretofore set forth.

18 60. Defendant had a duty to Plaintiff to remove ADA accessibility barriers so that Plaintiff
19 as a disabled individual would have full and equal access to the public
20 accommodation.

21 61. Defendant breached this duty.

22 62. Defendant is or should be aware that, historically, society has tended to isolate and
23 segregate individuals with disabilities, and, despite some improvements, such forms
24 of discrimination against individuals with disabilities continue to be a serious and
25 pervasive social problem⁴.

26 63. Defendant knowingly and intentionally participated in this historical discrimination
27 against Plaintiff, causing Plaintiff damage.
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⁴ 42 U.S.C. § 12101(a)(2)

1 64. Discrimination against individuals with disabilities persists in the use and enjoyment
2 of critical public accommodations⁵.

3 65. Defendant's knowing and intentional persistence in discrimination against Plaintiff is
4 alleged, causing Plaintiff damage.

5 66. Individuals with disabilities, including Plaintiff, continually encounter various forms
6 of discrimination, including outright intentional exclusion, the discriminatory effects
7 of architectural, overprotective rules and policies, failure to make modifications to
8 existing facilities and practices, exclusionary qualification standards and criteria,
9 segregation, and relegation to lesser services, programs, activities, benefits, jobs, or
10 other opportunities⁶.

11 67. Defendant's knowing and intentional discrimination against Plaintiff reinforces above
12 forms of discrimination, causing Plaintiff damage.

13 68. Census data, national polls, and other studies have documented that people with
14 disabilities, as a group, occupy an inferior status in our society, and are severely
15 disadvantaged socially, vocationally, economically, and educationally⁷.

16 69. Defendant's knowing and intentional discrimination has relegated Plaintiff to an
17 inferior status in society, causing Plaintiff damage.

18 70. The Nation's proper goals regarding individuals with disabilities are to assure equality
19 of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency
20 for such individuals⁸.

21 71. Defendant's knowing, and intentional discrimination has worked counter to our
22 Nation's goals of equality, causing Plaintiff damage.

23 72. Continued existence of unfair and unnecessary discrimination and prejudice denies
24 people with disabilities the opportunity to compete on an equal basis and to pursue
25 those opportunities for which our free society is justifiably famous, and costs the
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27 ⁵ 42 U.S.C. §12101(a)(3)

28 ⁶ 42 U.S.C. §12101(a)(5)

⁷ 42 U.S.C. §12101(a)(6)

⁸ 42 U.S.C. §12101(a)(7)

1 United States billions of dollars in unnecessary expenses resulting from dependency
2 and nonproductivity⁹.

3 73. Defendant's knowing and intentional unfair and unnecessary discrimination against
4 Plaintiff demonstrates Defendant's knowing and intentional damage to Plaintiff.

5 74. Defendant's breach of duty caused Plaintiff damages including, without limitation,
6 the feeling of segregation, discrimination, relegation to second class citizen status the
7 pain, suffering and emotional damages inherent to discrimination and segregation and
8 other damages to be proven at trial.

9 75. By violating Plaintiff's civil rights, Defendant engaged in intentional, aggravated and
10 outrageous conduct.

11 76. The ADA has been the law of the land since 1991, but Defendant engaged in a
12 conscious action of a reprehensible character, that is, Defendant denied Plaintiff his
13 civil rights, and cause him damage by virtue of segregation, discrimination, relegation
14 to second class citizen status the pain, suffering and emotional damages inherent to
15 discrimination and segregation and other damages to be proven at trial.

16 77. Plaintiff and Class Members have been damaged by Defendant's unfair and deceptive
17 acts or practices in the conduct of its lodging business s more fully detailed in Counts
18 I – III above all of which are by this reference incorporated herein.

19 78. Defendant's conduct raises the presumption of conscious indifference to consequences
20 of its actions which, in turn, demonstrates wanton or oppressive acts or malice as
21 implies a spirit of mischief or indifference to civil obligations, or willful misconduct,
22 entitling Plaintiff and Class Members to an award of punitive damages in an amount
23 sufficient to deter Defendant and others similarly situated from similar misconduct.

24 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays for relief as follows:

25 A. For certification of class action on this Count.

26 B. For finding of negligence; and

27 C. For damages in an amount to be proven at trial; and

28 D. For punitive damages to be proven at trial; and

⁹ 42 U.S.C. §12101(a)(8)


1 E. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

2 **REQUEST FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

3 Plaintiff respectfully requests a trial by jury in issues triable by a jury.

4 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 12th Day of March, 2019

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6 **PETER STROJNIK**

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8 Plaintiff